

REMARKS

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed October 29, 2002, please enter this paper into the Official Files pertaining to the above referenced Application.

Additionally, submitted contemporaneously herewith is a Petition for a Three (3) Month Extension of Time along with the appropriate fees under § 1.17(a)(3) to extend the period for response to the Office Action until April 29, 2002. A grant of the Petition for the Extension of Time is hereby respectfully requested.

It is believed that no additional fees are due or owing in regard to the submission of this Response and Amendment and its attached and related papers. However, if such fees are deemed due, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned at the address and telephone number listed below.

The remarks that follow are submitted in response to the points raised in the Office Action that require such action.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Per this Amendment and Response, claims 1-25 have been cancelled without prejudice to the subject matter defined therein; such subject matter may be re-introduced during examination of the instant application invention but, has been withdrawn from consideration at this time to focus on issues pertaining to the present invention. Such cancellation is not in any way to be construed negatively against the present.. Newly Added claims 26-43 have been added to better define the present invention and to clearly and patentably distinguish the claims of the instant Application over the prior art and the references cited by the Examiner.

NO NEW MATTER HAS BEEN ADDED.

Allowance of all claims is earnestly request, especially in view of the remarks present below.

Examiner's Rejection of Claims 1-25 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) (Rubinstein in view of Osaku)

Spanning pages 1 through 8, the Examiner rejected claims 1-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rubinstein et al. (Rubinstein) U.S. Patent No. 5,913,215 in view of Osaku et al. (Osaku) U.S. Patent No. 6,061,738. The Applicant's cancellation of claims 1-25 without prejudice or disclaimer is a complete response to the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rubinstein in view of Osaku. Accordingly, no additional response is due at this time.

Newly Added Claims 26-43

The Applicant earnestly requests consideration and allowance of newly added claims 26-43. The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 26-43 are allowable over the prior art generally and, in particular, that which has been cited by the Examiner (Rubinstein in view of Osaku). Applicant's claims clearly define, among other things, at least one database storing a network content index having a hierarchal organization that includes a verb index, a subject index nested within said verb index, and a provider index nested within said subject index. Still further, language has been added to the claims to better demonstrate the construction of a navigation sentence without accessing a remote search engine. The Applicant respectfully submits that such claim limitations are not shown or otherwise disclosed by the prior art and that

such limitations would not have been rendered obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) by Rubinstein in view of Osaku. For the aforementioned reasons, it is respectfully asserted that claims 26-43 are patentable over the prior art and, as such, it is respectfully that such claims be allowed to issue in a U.S. patent.

CONCLUSIONS

In complete response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed October 29, 2002, please enter this paper, and newly added claims 26-43 into the Official Files pertaining to the above referenced Application.

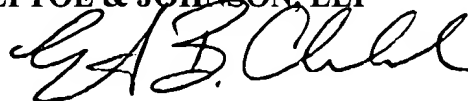
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It is believed that no additional fees are due or owing in regard to the submission of this Response and Amendment and its attached and related papers. However, if such fees are deemed due, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned at the address and telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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